Dialogue with ABSU

869. SHRI CHITTA BASU: 121 the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate dialogue with the Assam Bodo Students Union who axe agitating for the setting up of a Bodoland within the framework of the Constitution; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN' THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) This is primarily a matter concerning the State Government .

The State Government of Assam, has held discussions with the Bodo Leadership and the representatives of the Assam Bodo Students Union with regard to the genuine demands of the tribal people and is hopeful of solving their problems.

Export of Textile Products

870. DR. YELAMANCHILI S1VA-JI; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the total vaiue of textile products of all kinds exported by the country and the total value of synthetic yarn and of raw material and plant and equipment for manufacturing such yarn improted by the country year.wise from 1980 to 1988 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): A State-ment-! showing export of cotton textiles and readymade garments is attached. (See below)

A Statement-II showing import of synthetic and regenerated fibres suitable for spinning and machineries for extruding man-made textiles is attached. (See below)

Statement-I

EXPORT OF TEXTILES

(Cotton Textile and Readymade Garments)

(value in Rs. Crores)

Year :	Value
1980	850
981	1057
1982	1066
1983	1063
1984	1456
1985	1716
1986	1979
	3018
1088 Jan.—Sept.)	2625. (P)

p. provisional.

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council. Bombay.Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

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Imparl ,>/ Synthetic and'regeneratedfibres suitable for spinning and muo'iints for extrtufm:: man-mi.ie textiles.

(Valuein Rs. Crows)

Year	Synthetic & regenerated fiK-as suitable spinning	Machiues for extruding man-made textiles for
	96 53	0.20
1981-82	173-18	1.01
1982-83	145. 66	0 23
1983-84	104.81	0- 45
1984-85	63.27	0.3!
1985-86	63.63	0.53
1986-87	44.11 *(P)*	*NA*
1987-38	2820) (P)	N\

P : Provisicnal
Soutce : Directorate General of Coramercitl Intelligence & Statistics, Calcutta.

Import of Timber

871. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of timber and timber products imported into the country year-wise from 1978 to 1988 so far and the value thereof;

(b) what are the reasons that prompted such imports; and

(c) what steps, if any, are barng taken to stop or drastically reduce such imports for conserving foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A statement showing the import of wood in the tough or roughly squared form during 1977-78 to 1985-86 is attached. Data is available upto March '86 only. (See Appendix CXLVIII Annexure No. 37A]

(b) Import of timber hag been al lowed with a view to conserve the country's depleting forest resources. Under the current .policy import of all kinds of timber logs (if sawn and rectangular or square, the minimum size of log should be 1° cm X 10 cm X 2 m; if cylindrical, minimum size of the log should be 10 cmX2 m. length is allowed under Open General Li cence to all persons for stock and sale. The import is allowed at concessional rate of duty. Consequently, actual users can import timber for their own use or procure the imported timber from stockists.

(c) From the data available, it may be seen that foreign exchange outgo on this account is minimal. Fur ther, with a view to conserve forest resources, no steps are considered necessary to reduce such imports.

Godown storage facility for Cotton

872. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: